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Dr. Thomas Burns, Provost
Belmont University
1900 Belmont Blvd,
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Dear Dr. Burns,

I am pleased to write this letter in strong support of the portfolio of Anthony Blash, PharmD, which is being submitted for the Three-Year Review process. I have known Dr. Blash, currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the College of Pharmacy at Belmont, for two years, starting from my time completing a pharmacy informatics PGY2 specialty residency at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville. I had signed up to complete a teaching certificate through the College, and worked closely with Dr. Blash to develop coursework for the Healthcare Informatics concentration offered by the college.

Dr. Blash displayed a passion for the rigorous and purposeful teaching and leadership that is at the core of the mission of the College of Pharmacy. As we worked together to streamline the content of the coursework we were developing, I was continually impressed by his dedication to ensuring its relevance to contemporary pharmacy practice. He drew from his vast experience as a pharmacist informaticist in various settings to prepare students to pursue careers in the burgeoning Health IT field. Additionally, his flexibility to accommodate my busy residency schedule by meeting at off hours or on weekends testified to his commitment to teaching and mentorship.

Dr. Blash also serves as an active member of the Section of Pharmacy Informatics and Technology of the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacy (ASHP). He is currently chairing the Educational Steering Committee, exemplifying his commitment to Health Informatics education for pharmacy students. Additionally, he coordinated a series of presentations at ASHP's Midyear Clinical Meeting in 2014 in Anaheim, CA; and spoke as a distinguished guest at the Informatics Institute at ASHP's 2014 Summer Meeting in Las Vegas, NV, where his discussion of organizational informatics knowledge management received rave reviews.

I am delighted to recommend Dr. Blash as highly as possible for progression towards tenure and the promotion to Associate Professor. His talent and dedication will ensure that he continues on his path to becoming one of your most valuable faculty members.

Sincerely,

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